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THE QUILL AND THE FLAG.

Newspaper men have met with uniform catastrophes in all the insular possessions of the United States in the past three years. Prison doors have yawned for the representatives of the Fourth Estate, alike, in Hawaii, the Philippines and Porto Rico. All are familiar with the ups and downs of the fraternity in Hawaii and the Philippines. Porto Rico has joined the procession.

The editor of the San Juan News has had to serve time for contempt. The case came up in this wise: certain naval officials smuggled liquors into Porto Rico. The Internal Revenue officials discovered the frauds. Arrests followed and the San Juan News cried out lustily for the prosecution and punishment of these prominent offenders. The naval officers had a strong pull at Washington and through Secretary Moody of the Navy Department reached Attorney General Knox. Knox sent an order to the District Attorney at San Juan to dismiss the cases against the naval smugglers. After a few days, the News stated that the Courts were taking advantage of the order in acquitting a lot of their friends who happened to be under arrest upon the similar charges. The News was able to produce Court Records in substantiation of its statement. The result was citation and conviction for contempt.

These incidents coupled with the Philippine contempt cases, raised a persistent question as to the fate of some of America's cherished principles, under the new program of expansion. It is apparent that executive powers in these new and distant provinces ought to be more absolute than it is at home. That official power has been more arbitrarily used in the new possessions than at home is also apparent. The protests from a genuine American press that followed in the wake of the flag to all these Islands are proofs of this statement. It is just here, that would first be visible the breaking down of American principles. The first move of power which thirsts for absolutism is to crush its critics. An American newspaper is ever open and above board in its criticism and is first to feel the mailed fist of arbitrary power. Harsh censorship of the press in our island dominions leaves a bad taste in the mouth of even the most ardent expansionist. Newspaper men in the Islands have felt the stripes for utterances less reasonable than are made on the floor of the U. S. Senate, and less damaging to the Administration policy than the anti-expansion tirades appearing in yellow journals within the shadow of the white house.

This absurdity which is one of the first outgrowths of Expansion is plain when it is seen that the Taft commission in the Philippines has more power to crush a free press than the President himself has at home. If American government cannot succeed in distant provinces in the midst of American methods, it should be found out and the arbitrary methods of Empire should be frankly and openly adopted.

People who will have spare rooms on July 4, will not only turn an extra penny for themselves by reporting to the Hospitality Committee, but will contribute largely to the success of the celebration. The visitors in Hilo on that occasion must be taken care of and they will be.

As an unmitigated braying success, it is conceded that our worthy colleague excels both in print and out of print, with a faint showing of greater dexterity in the latter field. Some have said that as a wielder of the jawbone on the curbstone, he is without a peer.

A DISGRACEFUL ROAD.

The Volcano Road Goes From Bad to Worse Daily.

The complaints about the condition of Volcano Road are incessant. The road which is one of the most important thoroughfares on the Island and a grand link in the chain of attractions for tourists is in a more abominable condition for travel than it has ever been before. Especially it is bad between 18 and 24 miles where the cane haulers during the past month have cut it up frightfully. Peter Lee who is interested in tourist travel and in good roads generally said to a TRIBUNE representative this week that he considered the Road Board very much at fault for the present bad road. He said: "It is a shame and a disgrace at this season of the year, when tourists and Island people are going in larger numbers than usual to the Volcano House, that they should have to jolt over such a road as the Volcano Road. This drive which with a good road bed, would be the most delightful part of a tourist trip is now the worst. It gives a blackeye to the whole tourist scheme of the Islands. Only a few days ago a culvert was in such an impassable condition that the driver had to unhitch his team and lead them to Mountain View, leaving his wagon in the road.

"This culvert is now being fixed but the road in places is actually dangerous and only careful driving prevents break downs. The Road Board has made fine boulevards on the lower sections and left the upper road to be washed into gullies by the freshets. An attempt is being made to repair the worst places but the men are working hap hazard without an overseer and are not improving the highway. The people are very tired of these methods and generally hold the Road Board to be at fault. The whole gang, under a competent overseer should be put on the worst places at once to save our district from disgrace.

"In a few days there will be a big excursion of school teachers pass over this road. Plans for the reception of these and other visitors have been made at the Volcano House by a thorough overhauling of the place, at an enormous outlay of private funds. The Kinau has been made a fine passenger boat and the trip to the Volcano House would be appreciated if it were not for the condition of this road. The fault is with the officials whose duty it is to see that roads are fit to travel on. In the present condition a tourist should insure his life before tackling the Volcano Road. If nothing else were done than to drain the present road, it would be greatly improved. The present system of filling the mud holes with loose aa rock makes no improvement at all.

"The road people say that a special appropriation is necessary to repair the upper 10 miles of the road. I agree that this is true. But it is also a fact that the Road Board is spending money and there is no reason why it should not be expended wisely.

"We framed a bill and sent it to our representative early in this session asking for \$10,000 to fix the upper end of Volcano Road. This bill was supported by the signatures of nearly every business man in Hilo. I do not know what has been done with it, but in the meantime I consider that the Road Board should make a better effort to make our principal highway something besides a disgrace to the Territory."

To Reorganize Kona.

Honolulu, June 5.—Robert W. Shingle, of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, returned on the steamer W. G. Hall this morning from Kailua, where he attended the confirmation of the sale of the Kona Sugar Company assets to the clients of the Waterhouse Co. before Judge Edings and papers are at present being made out to transfer the property.

Mr. Shingle, when seen by a Bulletin reporter this morning, would not discuss the plans of the new company other than to say that Elmer E. Conant, formerly the manager of the McBryde plantation, would assume temporary charge of the property. Mr. Shingle said that there were matters which would have to be dealt with immediately before any definite information could be given out concerning the re-organization of the property. It was the plan of his principals, of whom C. J. Hutchins is a leading factor, to reorganize the property on safe lines.

HONOKAA TO THE RESCUE.

Geo. Kaiser Defends Sheriff Andrews and Roasts Fernandez.

HONOKAA, June 8, 1903. EDITOR TRIBUNE. DEAR SIR:—In regard to an article in your paper connecting my name with the wrong doings of Sheriff Andrews, I would like to give you and the public in general a little explanation.

First, that the story told in the Legislature and reported in your paper is nothing but a made up falsehood. Second, that the party who told the story must have a false tooth in his mouth or probably a whole set, as I have never in my life driven Sheriff Andrews and his family anywhere. I don't know Mrs. Andrews or any one else of their family except the Sheriff. I never received seventy dollars from Sheriff Andrews at any one time. The largest bill ever due me was \$40 for a load of liquor from Honokaa to Hilo, which was used as evidence in the Hilo Court. I had to wait two years for payment, but not through any fault of the Sheriff. Mr. Dole, attorney-general at the time, claimed the charges were too high. In all my dealings with the Sheriff, I have found him a saving, straightforward, honest man, and every dollar I got out of him, I had to work hard for, and the vouchers and receipts which I signed were always plainly marked, showing what the money was to be paid for.

Before any of our representatives throw reflection on Andrews' honesty, they should look back at their own past and shudder. In my own and in a good many more of our citizens' opinions, the Sheriff is an honest man without a doubt. Nobody can buy him. In regard to payment of clothing I have a little knowledge of my own. If it were not for the Sheriff being good for the payment of uniforms, some of the police officers would have to go back a century and go without clothing as far as credit is concerned.

As for the Porto Rican lad, strung up by his thumbs, I would say if that gentleman (the kicker) had been the father of the little girl, which was horribly mutilated and murdered, he would not object if the poor Porto Rican lad were strung up by the neck—or a little fire put around him; or like they do in some parts of the Union, hang them first and try them afterwards, and where people don't mind throwing a rope around the kicker's neck and pull him off the ground.

Now to finish up, I would say our representatives should sober up and leave the five dollar wine bottles alone and remember what they are in Honolulu for. They would find that a \$20,000 water reservoir is greatly needed here, as the people pay for water at the rate of 25 cents for five gallons, and that \$10,000 for a public landing would be considered a good thing, as we have to pay to cents a package for landing it. Our roads too are no boulevards and need a little mending. Our representatives should not sit there like monkeys on a paper basket and let all the money go somewhere else. They would comply with the wishes of the people who sent them there a little more than at present.

Now the last thing is that Mr. Antone Fernandez should be the last man to kick against the doings of Sheriff Andrews, as Andrews has done everything to help Fernandez along when he was Captain of Police and run a livery business here so successfully that he finally busted, although the Sheriff gave him everything to do in that line of business.

Mr. Editor, that is all I have to say, hoping you will give me a little space in your paper, I remain, Yours truly, GEO. KAISER.

St. Louis, June 8.—The Mississippi flood has reached its climax. Many levees are overflowed and a score of people have been drowned. The losses will aggregate three millions of dollars. The river is now falling.

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MISSIONARY LIFE IN HILO.

A Recent Page From Father Oliver's Journal.

"Last Sunday night about 11:30 the telephone rang saying, 'a sick man was dying at Honomu about fourteen miles from Hilo.' 'Alright I'll go at once.' A two horse team from the Volcano Stables with an A1 driver was quickly at my disposal. Michael, the driver, and I, favored by a bright moonlight, started. Beyond Onomea, four men, two on each side of the road were met as in waiting for something. Our horses raised their ears. 'Michael be ready with your whip. I'll watch my side.' One of the men stepped back. Our horses pulled us through without mishap.

"'Were you scared Michael?' " 'You bet, Father, I was.' "Further on we met two men supposed to be the Japanese doctor from the neighborhood.

" 'Priest?' " 'Yes.' " 'Portuguese man died at 15 minutes to 1 o'clock.'

"We arrived at Honomu a few minutes past 2. Notwithstanding our good and earnest travel we arrived too late.

"I said a prayer over the dead man, lying on his bed and gave a few words of consolation to the surrounding friends.

"The deceased was a Portuguese from San Miguel, aged 55 years, named Frank Simao.

"After passing the balance of the night at Honomuville to the best of our ability, we came back to Hilo at 8:30 a. m. tired and hungry.

"Michael, my boy, I'll take you again, you are a fine fellow and a first class driver."

BY AUTHORITY.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Superintendent of Public Works until 12 M. of Monday, the 22d of June, 1903, for furnishing all materials, labor and erecting abutments for Wailuku bridge, Hilo, Hawaii.

Plans and specifications on file in office of Superintendent of Public Works, Honolulu, and in the office of E. E. Richards, Hilo, Hawaii. The superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

HENRY E. COOPER, Superintendent of Public Works. June 8, 1903. 32-3

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AH HIP, Assignee of Wong Sing Cho & Co. LEBLOND & SMITH, Attorneys for Assignee. Hilo, May 29, 1903. 30-3

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